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Get To Know Your Golden Eagles: Brittany Looker



[Brittany Looker](#), the University of Minnesota Crookston's senior outside hitter, has had a standout four-year career for the Golden Eagle volleyball team. The Rochester, Minn. native became only the second player to earn All-NSIC First Team honors last year and recently became the all-time kills leader at UMC, surpassing Allison Kluck's mark. She is off to one of the best starts of any player in school history, looking like a lock for another All-NSIC First Team selection with even possibilities even on the horizon. In addition to her kills mark she accomplished, Looker is also closing in on 1,000 digs, which would make her just the third player in school history to reach 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs. Looker talked about her time as a Golden Eagle and finally being able to break the all-time mark.

How did it feel finally being able to break the record and become the all-time kills leader at the University of Minnesota Crookston?

"It was a big accomplishment to get, especially against a good team like Concordia-St. Paul. Sometimes I don't score a lot against them, so it was nice to have a good night. We have their hands on the block and used them to our advantage a lot. It was great."

You have gotten off to one of the best starts to a season of any UMC volleyball player in program history, averaging 4.50 kills per set and 2.67 digs per set. What did you work on in the off-season to try to improve after a strong junior season?

"I really have just tried mixing up my shots, going sharper across and line-high hands and just broadening the shots that I had in my arsenal."

What are some of your team goals for the rest of the 2014 season?

"We have a lot of must-win games in October, so we are looking to play our best volleyball and hopefully make the conference tournament."

What have been some of your favorite memories during your time at UMC?

"The team bonding. Road trips are always fun even though we miss a lot of class. We just really bond and it is a lot of fun."

Who are some of the people you have really grown close to over your years at UMC?

"I would say all of my teammates from all of the years I have been here. It is weird being the oldest now because there have been so many older players that you could look up to and now you are the oldest. It has been fun."

What is something that you really have improved on during your entire career at UMC?

"I think my serve-receive has really improved. Teams used to pick a lot on me when I was a freshman, make me try to pass and hit. They really don't serve at me much any more and if they do there is a better outcome."

What are you looking to do as a team over the next few matches in order to improve as a team?

"We really just focus on playing one good point at a time and playing our best that we can do each day."

What will be going through your head the final time you take the court at Lysaker Gymnasium alongside fellow seniors [Morgan VanGerpen](#) and [Mary Mikutowski](#) and the rest of your teammates?

"It is going to be really sad. Morgan and I have talked about it a lot with both of us being four-year starters. It is going to take a toll on us emotionally. We will try to hold back the tears, but I am sure there will be some."

Talk about the friendship you have developed with your fellow seniors [MorganVanGerpen](#) and [Mary Mikutowski](#) over your four seasons together?

"We have become really close over the years. We came in with a class of five and we are down to three now, Morgan and I hang out a lot anyways. We are all going to miss each other a lot when we are gone."

What has made you so close with [Morgan VanGerpen](#), one of your fellow seniors?

"We are a lot alike and we just have fun together no matter what we are doing. Whether it is watching Disney movies or going shopping or just out to eat in Grand Forks."

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<p>#8 Brittany Looker OH / 5' 10" / Senior</p>	<p>#2 Mary Mikutowski DS/L / 5' 8" / Senior</p>
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